

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 15, 2007, I missed votes because I had left Washington, I attend my son's swearing in to the California State Bar. I rise today to enter into the record how I would have voted had I been able to vote.

House rollcall vote 466. I would have voted "no" on the McHenry Amendment to the Foxx Amendment, which failed by a vote of 108–300. This amendment would have resulted in a 50 percent cut to the General Counsel's office.

House rollcall vote 467. I would have voted "yes" on the Foxx Amendment, which would have reduced funding of the Office of the Secretary by \$1.241 million.

House rollcall vote 468. I would have voted "yes" on the Fallin Amendment to reduce Office of the Secretary funding by \$138,000.

House rollcall vote 469. I would have voted "yes" on the Drake Amendment, to provide \$9.1 million for the 287(g) program, which trains and supports local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws, and reduces the Under Secretary for Management by \$10.4 million.

House rollcall vote 470. I would have voted "yes" on the King of New York amendment, which would provide \$40 million for domestic nuclear detection office.

House rollcall vote 471. I would have voted "no" on the Brown-Waite amendment to provide an additional \$89.125 million for border fencing and technology because the bill fully funds the President's \$1 billion request.

House rollcall vote 472. I would have opposed the Burgess amendment that would have cut the Under Secretary for Management by \$15 million and fund the Secure Flight program because the Administration has no plan for this program's operations and privacy protections.

House rollcall vote 473. I would have supported the Ferguson amendment which would have cut the Under Secretary for Management by \$50 million and increase Buffer Zone Protection grants, doubling funding for the program.

House rollcall vote 474. I would have supported the McHenry amendment to cut Under Secretary for Management and increase Citizenship and Immigration Services immigration processing by \$30 million.

House rollcall vote 475. I would have voted "no" on the Pearce Amendment. The amendment would cut aviation explosive investment by \$125 million and increases Customs and Border Protection by a like amount. This amendment would delay security improvements to detect explosives at airports and in air cargo. This bill already contains record numbers of border patrol agents and border protection funding.

House rollcall vote 476. While I support border fencing, I would have opposed the Carter Amendment. The amendment would eliminate the following requirements—State, local and Federal consultation on border fencing; a 15-day public notification of environmental waivers; and a good-management expenditure plan for the \$1 billion provided in this bill for

border fencing and technology. As a Representative of a border community, I have strong concerns about eliminating the requirement the Department consults with border communities and states when constructing fencing.

House rollcall vote 477. I would have voted "no" on the McCaul Amendment, which would eliminate the requirement to certify the cost effectiveness of unmanned aerial vehicle use at the borders before additional ones may be procured.

House rollcall vote 478. I would have voted "yes" on Amendment No. 105, offered by Rep. King (IA). The amendment would provide an additional \$5 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to promote an employment eligibility program, bringing the total to \$35 million.

House rollcall vote 479. I would have voted "no" on the Bilbray Amendment. The amendment would provide \$150 million additional funding to REAL ID, when there was already \$50 million in the bill.

House rollcall vote 480. I would have voted "no" on the McCaul Amendment (No. 99), which would strike a provision in the bill to limit funding in this or any other bill until pending litigation on the human resource system is resolved.

House rollcall vote 481. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment No. 2. The amendment would cap the number of aviation screeners at 45,000.

House rollcall vote 482. I would have voted "no" on the Poe Amendment. This amendment would require people traveling to and from my District and Canada to have a passport and would not allow the Department of State to implement an alternative passport document.

House rollcall vote 483. I would have voted "yes" on the LaTourette Amendment to restrict funding in the Act from implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative before June 1, 2009. I strongly support not allowing the administration to implement WHTI before 2009 because the Administration has failed to report on how it will implement the program in a way that does not affect trade and protect the privacy of my constituents.

House rollcall vote 484. I would have voted "no" on the Tancredo Amendment, which would restrict funding in the Act from implementing the Visa Waiver program, a program with 27 countries today.

House rollcall vote 485. I would have opposed the Tancredo Amendment No. 7 which would block State and local communities from receiving grant funding if they are found to be acting in contravention of the law that States and locals cannot prevent the sharing of immigration information with the Federal government. Neither DHS nor the Department of Justice has ever found this to have happened.

House rollcall vote 486. I would have voted "no" on the Royce Amendment that would require all \$1 billion in the bill for border fencing and technology only for two layers of pedestrian fence.

House rollcall vote 487 I would have voted "no" on the Forbes Amendment which would eliminate the ability to extend Temporary Protected Status granted victims from war-torn countries.

House rollcall vote 488. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment. The amendment would eliminate the Davis-Bacon

prevailing wage requirement in the bill. Our contract workers deserve to be paid a prevailing wage and I strongly oppose this amendment.

House rollcall vote 489. I would have voted "no" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment No. 1. The amendment would reduce funding in the bill across-the-board by 5.7 percent, or a total of \$2.1 billion.

House rollcall vote 490. I would have opposed the Republican Motion to Recommit on this bill.

House rollcall vote 491. I would have voted "yes" on final passage of the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations bill, which includes \$1 billion for border security, funding for an additional 500 agents on the northern border, and reverses cuts made by the administration to critical first responder grant programs.

House rollcall vote 492. I would have voted against the Hayes Amendment, which would cut \$30 million, or 15 percent, from the NATO Security Investment Program.

House rollcall vote 493. I would have voted for the Blumenauer/Brown-Waite Amendment to cut \$201 million from the BRAC 2005 account and increase the BRAC 1990 account by \$50 million. There is currently a \$3.5 billion backlog in environmental clean up projects necessary as a result of previous BRAC rounds. This amendment ensures that we continue to make progress on rehabilitating old bases.

House rollcall vote 494. I would have voted "no" on the Price Amendment to cut \$50 million from the BRAC 1990 account, which funds old environmental clean up programs. The amendment would then increase VA medical services funding by \$22 million. The bill already includes \$28.9 billion for veterans' medical care, the largest increase in the history of the VA.

House rollcall vote 495. I would have voted "yes" on the Moran Amendment. This amendment would have increased the beneficiary transportation account by \$10 million.

House rollcall vote 496. I would have voted "yes" on the Garrett Amendment to add \$10 million to the State Extended Care facilities account. As I represent the Jacobetti Veterans Home in Marquette, MI, I have been a strong supporter of veterans' homes.

House rollcall vote 497. I would have voted "yes" on the Musgrave/Salazar amendment to prohibit the Army from studying the possible expansion of the Pinon Canyon maneuver site, a training site in Colorado.

House rollcall vote 498. I would have voted "yes" on the final passage of the 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, which included the largest increase in VA funding in U.S. history.

A TRIBUTE TO W. HORACE CARTER

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson took the field as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team and broke the color barrier as the first African American to play in the major leagues.